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April Unemployment Rates Drop in All Regions of the State

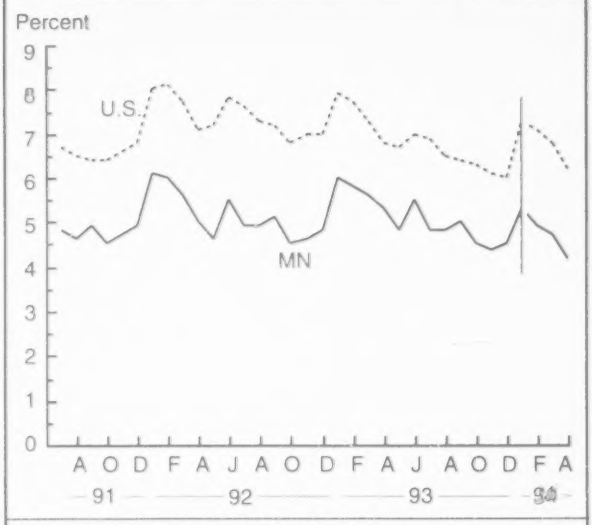
Minnesota's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate declined to 4.2 percent in April from 4.3 percent in March. The corresponding national rate was 6.4 percent in April, down from 6.5 percent in March. Minnesota's unemployment rates continue to be two percentage points below the national rates. The unadjusted unemployment rate in Minnesota was 4.2 percent in April, down from 4.7 percent in March. The U.S. unadjusted unemployment rates were 6.2 percent in April and 6.8 percent in March.

Compared to the national figures, Minnesota has experienced a much greater improvement in unemployment rates from a year ago. While Minnesota's total number of unemployed persons dropped over 16 percent from April of 1993 to April of 1994, the comparable total for the nation decreased about 6 percent. Minnesota's unadjusted unemployment rate was 5.3 percent a year ago while the national one was 6.8 percent. The seasonally adjusted rates were 5.2 percent and 7 percent, respectively.

Average unemployment rates among the regions of the state improved by 0.1 to 1.6 percentage points from March to April. There was no change in the regions having the highest and lowest unemployment rates. The seven-county Twin Cities rate declined to 3.1 percent in April compared to 3.4 percent in March. The northern headwaters region saw its rate improve to 9 percent in April, dropping from 10.3 percent in March. Among the counties, unemployment rates ranged from a low of 2.6 percent for Nicollet County to a high of 18.8 percent for Clearwater County.

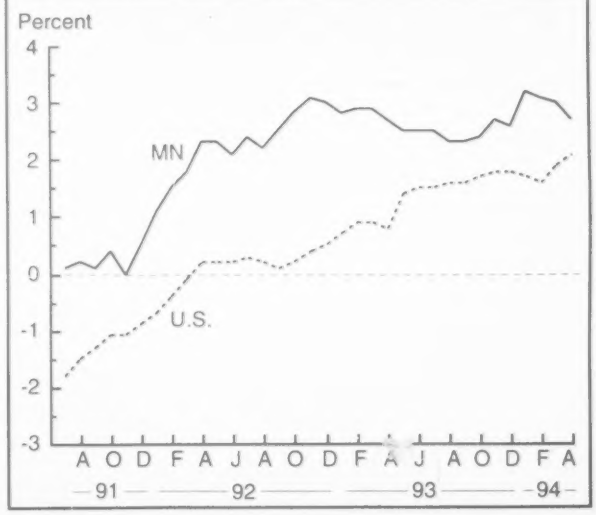
From a separate monthly survey of employers, the number of nonfarm wage and salary jobs in Minnesota is up 59,800 from a year ago. This is approximately 24 percent greater than the 10-year average job increase from April to April. Minnesota's 2.9 percent increase from a year ago is greater than the 2.1 percent increase for the U.S.

Monthly Unemployment Rate: U.S. and MN (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



Starting in January 1994 the unemployment rate is based on new survey methodology.

Total Nonfarm Jobs: U.S. and MN Percent Change From Year Ago

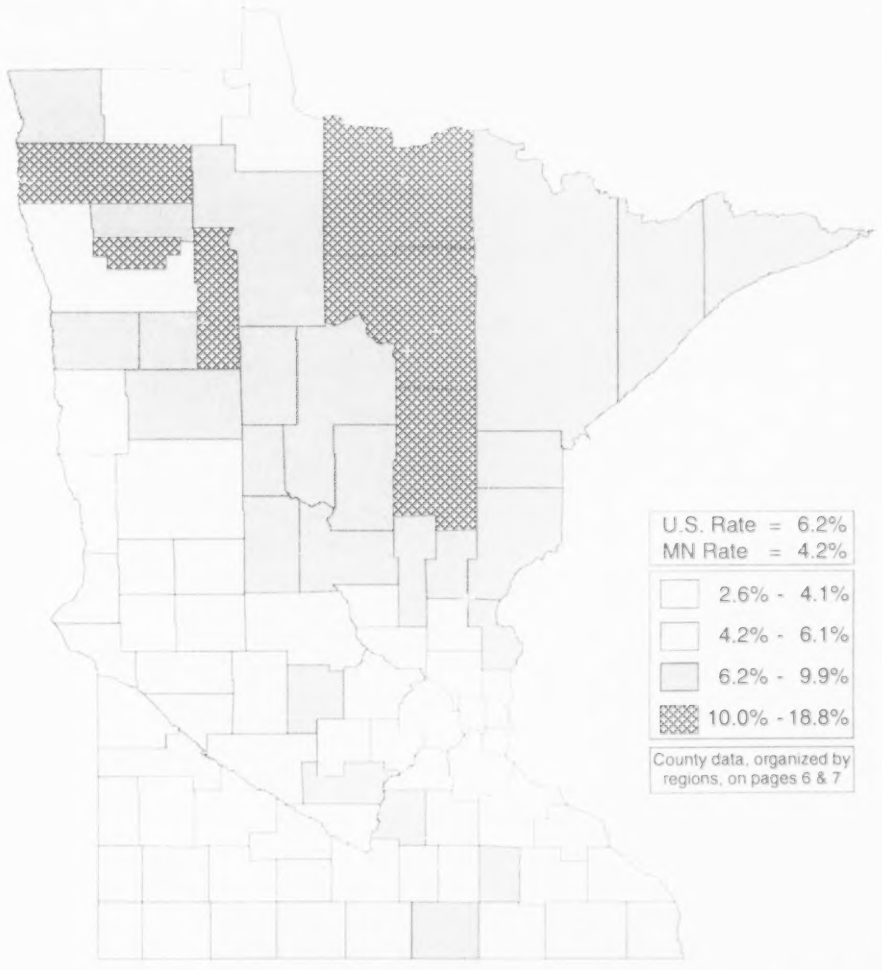


Services was the industry sector with the greatest gain over the past year, with 26,000 new jobs. Job growth was particularly strong in business services, up 8,300 jobs, amusement and recreation services, up 4,800 jobs, and social services, up 3,600 jobs. Another industry sector with considerable job growth over the past year was trade, up 13,400 jobs, with eating and drinking places accounting for 29 percent of the increase. Government was up 10,000 jobs, with 88 percent of the increase in local government (over half of the local government increase was in education).

Metropolitan area job growth over the past year was:

St. Cloud	Increase of 1,700 jobs or 2.2 percent
Minneapolis-St.Paul	Increase of 35,700 jobs or 2.5 percent
Rochester	Increase of 500 jobs or 0.8 percent
Duluth-Superior	Increase of 300 jobs or 0.3 percent

Minnesota Unemployment Rates by County
April 1994
(not seasonally adjusted)



Employer Survey of Minnesota Nonfarm Payroll Jobs, Hours and Earnings

Industry	Jobs* (thousands)			Percent Change From		Production Workers Hours & Earnings**					
						Average Weekly Earnings		Average Weekly Hours		Average Hourly Earnings	
	Apr 1994	Mar 1994	Apr 1993	Mar 1994	Apr 1993	Apr 1994	Apr 1993	Apr 1994	Apr 1993	Apr 1994	Apr 1993
TOTAL NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY	2,283.7	2,257.0	2,223.8	1.2	2.7	---	---	---	---	---	---
GOODS PRODUCING	487.3	478.9	480.6	1.8	1.4	---	---	---	---	---	---
Mining	7.1	6.7	7.5	5.9	-5.2	722.35	711.44	44.7	43.7	16.16	16.28
Metal Mining	5.5	5.4	6.0	2.0	-9.5	756.96	746.10	45.3	44.2	16.71	16.88
Construction	74.0	67.4	70.6	9.8	4.8	699.44	688.58	38.2	[illegible]	18.31	18.56
Manufacturing	406.3	404.8	402.6	0.4	0.9	514.60	498.17	41.3	40.8	12.46	12.21
Durable Goods	233.2	231.6	230.2	0.7	1.3	524.58	505.52	41.6	40.9	12.61	12.36
Lumber, Wood, and Furniture	23.6	22.8	23.1	3.6	2.4	520.88	506.16	38.3	37.3	13.60	13.57
Stone, Clay and Glass Products	8.6	7.7	7.8	10.9	9.0	574.57	565.02	45.1	43.0	12.74	13.14
Primary Metals	6.4	6.3	6.0	0.6	6.7	583.68	561.59	43.3	43.5	13.48	12.91
Fabricated Metals	31.5	31.4	31.9	0.2	-1.4	576.30	556.78	42.5	41.8	13.56	13.32
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	75.6	76.1	76.2	-0.7	-0.9	584.70	562.02	42.4	41.6	13.79	13.51
Computer and Office Equipment	30.0	30.3	31.3	-1.1	-4.4	661.20	667.71	43.5	42.1	15.20	15.86
Electronic & Other Electrical Equipment	31.3	31.0	30.4	0.9	3.1	424.77	401.79	41.2	40.3	10.31	9.97
Transportation Equipment	12.6	12.6	11.6	0.0	8.3	498.32	496.53	41.7	40.9	11.95	12.14
Instruments and Related Products	34.2	34.2	34.7	0.1	-1.2	469.41	459.64	41.8	41.9	11.23	10.97
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	9.4	9.4	8.5	0.5	11.4	419.93	398.86	39.1	38.8	10.74	10.28
Nondurable Goods	173.1	173.2	172.4	-0.1	0.4	500.62	488.81	40.8	40.7	12.27	12.01
Food and Beverage Products	47.7	48.4	49.8	-1.6	-4.3	451.19	429.14	41.7	40.6	10.82	10.57
Textile Mill Products and Apparel	5.2	5.2	4.9	0.4	6.8	352.76	328.24	40.5	37.3	8.71	8.80
Paper and Allied Products	33.1	32.9	33.1	0.4	-0.1	615.50	639.89	40.6	43.5	15.16	14.71
Printing and Publishing	54.9	54.6	53.0	0.5	3.7	483.92	460.75	38.9	38.3	12.44	12.03
Chemicals & Petroleum & Coal Products	12.7	12.7	12.8	0.4	-0.5	701.32	686.75	44.5	45.3	15.76	15.16
Rubber, Plastics and Leather Products	19.5	19.4	18.8	0.6	3.5	453.74	443.77	41.4	40.9	10.96	10.85
SERVICE PRODUCING	1,796.4	1,778.1	1,743.2	1.0	3.0	---	---	---	---	---	---
Transportation, Comm., and Utilities	107.9	108.7	109.1	-0.8	-1.1	---	---	---	---	---	---
Transportation	73.7	74.8	74.8	-1.5	-1.5	---	---	---	---	---	---
Trucking and Warehousing	26.6	27.8	27.1	-4.4	-2.0	446.49	405.23	39.2	34.4	11.39	11.78
Communications and Utilities	34.2	34.0	34.3	0.7	-0.4	652.53	656.38	36.7	37.0	17.78	17.74
Trade	542.8	534.2	529.4	1.6	2.5	276.89	265.74	29.3	28.3	9.45	9.39
Wholesale Trade	134.3	132.5	130.1	1.3	3.2	468.22	460.49	38.6	37.9	12.13	12.15
Retail Trade	408.5	401.7	399.3	1.7	2.3	218.06	207.01	26.4	25.4	8.26	8.15
Building Materials and Garden Supplies	18.0	16.9	17.2	6.4	4.4	370.94	350.96	34.7	32.8	10.69	10.70
General Merchandise Stores	55.4	55.3	55.1	0.1	0.5	216.49	219.96	27.3	28.2	7.93	7.80
Food Stores	55.2	54.8	55.1	0.7	0.2	238.54	244.92	26.3	26.0	9.07	9.42
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	46.2	45.4	43.7	1.7	5.6	348.39	332.42	34.7	34.2	10.04	9.72
Apparel and Accessories Stores	19.3	19.6	19.0	-1.3	1.4	159.46	132.00	23.8	20.0	6.70	6.60
Furniture, Home Furn., & Equip. Stores	16.9	16.9	15.8	-0.4	6.5	303.93	302.42	30.7	31.7	9.90	9.54
Eating and Drinking Places	141.3	136.8	137.5	3.3	2.8	139.92	126.00	22.0	20.0	6.36	6.30
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate (FIRE)	138.9	139.1	133.9	-0.1	3.8						
Finance	63.3	63.5	60.2	-0.3	5.2						
Insurance	53.1	53.1	51.1	0.0	4.0						
Real Estate	22.5	22.4	22.6	0.4	-0.7						
Services	635.1	626.3	609.1	1.4	4.3						
Personal Services	24.9	25.1	25.3	-0.5	-1.3						
Business Service	115.5	113.6	107.2	1.7	7.7						
Automotive and Misc. Repair Services	24.2	24.1	23.5	0.3	3.2						
Health Services	184.2	183.9	182.1	0.1	1.1						
Nursing and Personal Care Facilities	47.2	47.1	46.3	0.2	2.0						
Hospitals	55.6	55.5	56.1	0.1	-0.9						
Legal Services	16.3	16.3	16.3	0.0	0.2						
Private Educational Services	37.4	37.0	36.1	1.1	3.5						
Government	371.7	369.8	361.7	0.5	2.8						
Federal Government	34.2	34.0	33.5	0.6	2.0						
State Government	87.6	86.3	87.1	1.6	0.6						
State Government Education	49.8	48.7	49.8	2.3	-0.1						
Local Government	249.9	249.5	241.1	0.1	3.6						
Local Government Education	138.1	138.4	133.3	-0.2	3.6						

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Employer Survey of Twin Cities Nonfarm Payroll Jobs, Hours and Earnings

Industry	Jobs* (thousands)			Percent Change From		Production Workers Hours & Earnings**					
						Average Weekly Earnings		Average Weekly Hours		Average Hourly Earnings	
	Apr 1994	Mar 1994	Apr 1993	Mar 1994	Apr 1993	Apr 1994	Apr 1993	Apr 1994	Apr 1993	Apr 1994	Apr 1993
TOTAL NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY	1,476.8	1,461.7	1,441.0	1.0	2.5	---	---	---	---	---	---
GOODS PRODUCING	311.6	306.4	310.2	1.7	0.4	---	---	---	---	---	---
Mining	0.5	0.3	0.4	31.4	2.7	825.19	758.28	46.1	44.5	17.90	17.04
Construction	45.3	41.2	45.0	9.8	0.6	760.16	734.56	37.8	36.6	20.11	20.07
Manufacturing	265.9	264.9	264.7	0.4	0.4	544.48	528.43	41.5	40.9	13.12	12.92
Durable Goods	154.1	153.7	155.0	0.3	-0.5	552.45	538.33	41.6	41.0	13.28	13.13
Lumber, Wood, and Furniture	9.2	8.8	9.4	5.0	-2.1	555.39	557.53	37.4	35.9	14.85	15.53
Stone, Clay and Glass Products	3.0	2.9	3.1	2.8	-2.4	628.43	616.90	43.4	40.8	14.48	15.12
Primary Metals	4.8	4.8	4.6	0.6	5.4	601.18	575.87	44.4	44.4	13.54	12.97
Fabricated Metals	23.5	23.6	24.3	-0.1	-2.9	609.03	596.49	42.5	41.8	14.33	14.27
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	51.6	52.0	52.5	-0.7	-1.6	605.68	582.83	41.8	40.9	14.49	14.25
Computer and Office Equipment	18.9	19.1	19.9	-1.0	-4.7	672.00	671.52	40.0	39.9	16.80	16.83
Electronic & Other Electrical Equipment	19.7	19.5	18.4	0.9	6.9	434.30	429.51	41.8	41.7	10.39	10.30
Transportation Equipment	5.5	5.5	5.3	0.5	5.1	632.81	598.29	40.8	40.1	15.51	14.92
Instruments and Related Products	30.8	30.7	31.5	0.3	-2.2	500.64	484.26	42.0	42.0	11.92	11.53
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	5.9	5.9	6.0	0.0	-1.6	476.08	438.40	40.9	38.9	11.64	11.27
Nondurable Goods	111.7	111.2	109.8	0.5	1.8	531.89	514.04	41.2	40.7	12.91	12.63
Food and Beverage Products	19.2	19.1	19.1	0.5	0.4	523.74	537.24	43.5	44.0	12.04	12.21
Paper and Allied Products	26.1	26.0	26.0	0.4	0.2	566.87	530.86	40.9	40.4	13.86	13.14
Printing and Publishing	39.4	39.2	37.9	0.5	3.9	491.98	466.73	38.8	37.7	12.68	12.38
Chemicals & Petroleum & Coal Products	11.5	11.5	11.4	-0.3	0.9	755.14	737.10	45.6	46.3	16.56	15.92
Rubber and Misc Plastics Products	12.7	12.6	12.5	1.2	1.5	482.05	456.85	42.1	40.9	11.45	11.17
SERVICE PRODUCING	1,165.2	1,155.2	1,130.8	0.9	3.0	---	---	---	---	---	---
Transportation, Comm., and Utilities	76.4	76.8	77.7	-0.4	-1.6	---	---	---	---	---	---
Transportation	54.6	55.2	55.9	-1.0	-2.2	---	---	---	---	---	---
Trucking and Warehousing	17.4	17.9	18.0	-2.8	-3.0	460.32	385.47	37.7	30.4	12.21	12.68
Communications and Utilities	21.8	21.6	21.8	1.2	0.0	667.37	650.81	37.2	35.7	17.94	18.23
Trade	347.2	342.7	336.5	1.3	3.2	307.84	293.60	29.6	28.7	10.40	10.23
Wholesale Trade	88.9	88.0	86.1	1.0	3.3	513.03	508.03	38.2	37.8	13.43	13.44
Retail Trade	258.3	254.7	250.5	1.4	3.1	243.18	226.01	26.9	25.8	9.04	8.76
Building Materials and Garden Supplies	10.0	9.6	9.8	4.2	2.5	402.27	411.19	33.0	32.2	12.19	12.77
General Merchandise Stores	36.5	36.3	36.2	0.4	0.8	241.03	251.14	27.8	28.9	8.67	8.69
Food Stores	32.0	31.7	31.3	0.9	2.0	287.69	268.19	28.4	26.9	10.13	9.97
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	26.6	26.3	24.9	1.2	6.5	401.84	377.71	36.3	35.7	11.07	10.58
Apparel and Accessories Stores	13.5	13.7	13.1	-1.8	2.6	160.89	131.40	23.8	19.7	6.76	6.67
Furniture, Home Furn., & Equip. Stores	11.6	11.5	10.8	0.4	7.4	381.15	347.51	31.5	31.0	12.10	11.21
Eating and Drinking Places	91.5	89.0	88.6	2.8	3.2	159.04	143.09	22.4	20.5	7.10	6.98
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate (FIRE)	110.1	110.1	105.8	-0.1	4.0						
Finance	47.5	47.7	44.8	-0.4	6.0						
Insurance	44.6	44.7	43.3	-0.1	3.0						
Real Estate	17.9	17.8	17.7	0.8	1.5						
Services	420.8	416.2	403.4	1.1	4.3						
Personal Services	17.8	17.9	17.8	-0.9	0.0						
Business Services	96.5	95.5	90.0	1.1	7.2						
Automotive and Misc. Repair Services	17.7	17.7	17.3	0.2	2.2						
Health Services	107.9	107.6	105.4	0.4	2.4						
Nursing and Personal Care Facilities	25.7	25.6	25.2	0.2	2.0						
Hospitals	33.4	33.2	33.6	0.4	-0.7						
Legal Services	13.1	13.1	13.1	0.0	0.4						
Private Educational Services	20.0	20.1	19.3	-0.2	3.8						
Government	210.7	209.4	207.4	0.6	1.6						
Federal Government	22.2	22.1	21.6	0.5	3.1						
State Government	59.3	58.8	57.8	0.9	2.7						
State Government Education	34.8	34.5	33.4	0.8	4.1						
Local Government	129.1	128.4	128.0	0.5	0.9						
Local Government Education	72.3	72.3	72.2	-0.1	0.2						

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Employer Survey of St. Cloud MSA Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Industry	Jobs			% Chg. From	
	Apr 1994	Mar 1994	Apr 1993	Mar 1994	Apr 1993
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary	78,620	77,750	76,894	1.1	2.2
Goods Producing	17,585	16,736	16,591	5.1	6.0
Construction and Mining	3,432	2,932	2,894	17.1	18.6
Manufacturing	14,153	13,804	13,697	2.5	3.3
Durable Goods	7,260	7,094	7,144	2.3	1.6
Nondurable Goods	6,893	6,710	6,553	2.7	5.2
Service Producing	61,035	61,014	60,303	0.0	1.2
Transportation, Comm., and Utilities	2,683	2,713	2,761	-1.1	-2.8
Trade	23,102	23,270	23,086	-0.7	0.1
Wholesale Trade	4,193	4,144	4,036	1.2	3.9
Retail Trade	18,909	19,126	19,050	-1.1	-0.7
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	2,367	2,371	2,282	-0.2	3.7
Services	19,593	19,484	19,240	0.6	1.8
Health Services	5,804	5,825	5,855	-0.4	-0.9
Other Services	13,789	13,659	13,385	1.0	3.0
Government	13,290	13,176	12,934	0.9	2.8

Employer Survey of Rochester MSA Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Industry	Jobs			% Chg. From	
	Apr 1994	Mar 1994	Apr 1993	Mar 1994	Apr 1993
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary	69,350	69,200	68,816	0.2	0.8
Goods Producing	13,133	13,085	14,106	0.4	-6.9
Construction and Mining	2,092	1,909	2,125	9.6	-1.6
Manufacturing	11,041	11,176	11,981	-1.2	-7.8
Durable Goods	9,045	9,193	10,090	-1.6	-10.4
Nondurable Goods	1,996	1,983	1,891	0.7	5.6
Service Producing	56,217	56,115	54,710	0.2	2.8
Transportation, Comm., and Utilities	1,964	2,009	1,960	-2.2	0.2
Trade	14,769	14,529	13,884	1.7	6.4
Wholesale Trade	1,839	1,746	1,814	5.3	1.4
Retail Trade	12,930	12,783	12,070	1.1	7.1
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	1,906	1,917	1,846	-0.6	3.3
Services	30,198	30,229	29,805	-0.1	1.3
Health Services	19,505	19,548	19,791	-0.2	-1.4
Other Services	10,693	10,681	10,014	0.1	6.8
Government	7,380	7,431	7,215	-0.7	2.3

Minnesota's Job Growth Rate Exceeds The Nation's

- **Minnesota's** annual growth rate in new jobs was 2.7 percent for April 1994, adding 60,000 new jobs. This compares to a national growth rate of 2.1 percent in April. Minnesota has been at or near the 3 percent growth level since the beginning of the year.

- The **Twin Cities** area added 35,800 jobs since April 1993, a 2.5 percent increase. Half of those new jobs occurred in the services sector, with business services alone adding 6,500 jobs. Trade added 10,700 new jobs, with eating and drinking establishments the biggest gainer, adding 2,800 jobs.

- The **St. Cloud** area grew by 2.2 percent, adding 1,700 jobs over the year. Construction employment was up 18.6 percent compared to April 1993, while retail trade declined slightly (141 jobs).

- The **Rochester** area is very close to the level it was at last April for total nonagricultural jobs. A decline in the manufacturing sector (reflecting the cutbacks at IBM) was counterbalanced by strong gains in retail trade.

- The **Duluth-Superior** area gained 300 jobs since April 1993, an increase of 0.3 percent in total employment. Most of the job gains occurred in local government, manufacturing and construction, while the losses were primarily in state and federal government and water transportation.

Employer Survey of Duluth and Duluth-Superior MSA Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Industry	Duluth					Duluth-Superior MSA				
	Jobs			% Chg. From		Jobs			% Chg. From	
	Apr 1994	Mar 1994	Apr 1993	Mar 1994	Apr 1993	Apr 1994	Mar 1994	Apr 1993	Mar 1994	Apr 1993
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary	51,741	51,265	51,742	0.9	0.0	99,397	99,122	99,089	0.3	0.3
Goods Producing	4,798	4,729	4,894	1.5	-2.0	16,106	16,011	15,757	0.6	2.2
Mining	Combined with construction					4,939	4,846	4,954	1.9	-0.3
Construction	1,462	1,374	1,449	6.4	0.9	2,997	2,925	2,852	2.5	5.1
Manufacturing	3,336	3,355	3,445	-0.6	-3.2	8,170	8,240	7,951	-0.8	2.8
Durable Goods	1,249	1,275	1,345	-2.0	-7.1	4,343	4,422	4,359	-1.8	-0.4
Nondurable Goods	2,087	2,080	2,100	0.3	-0.6	3,827	3,818	3,592	0.2	6.5
Service Producing	46,943	46,536	46,848	0.9	0.2	83,291	83,111	83,332	0.2	0.0
Transportation, Comm., and Utilities	3,108	2,800	3,097	11.0	0.4	5,819	5,657	6,022	2.9	-3.4
Trade	12,733	12,771	12,769	-0.3	-0.3	25,356	25,374	25,339	-0.1	0.1
Wholesale Trade	2,066	2,005	1,966	3.0	5.1	4,068	4,050	4,082	0.4	-0.3
Retail Trade	10,667	10,766	10,803	-0.9	-1.3	21,288	21,324	21,257	-0.2	0.1
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	2,271	2,267	2,246	0.2	1.1	3,447	3,455	3,434	-0.2	0.4
Services	16,527	16,447	16,507	0.5	0.1	26,904	26,861	26,887	0.2	0.1
Health Services	7,164	7,168	7,030	-0.1	1.9	11,236	11,187	11,138	0.4	0.9
Other Services	9,363	9,279	9,477	0.9	-1.2	15,668	15,674	15,749	0.0	-0.5
Government	12,304	12,251	12,229	0.4	0.6	1,699	1,699	1,740	0.0	-2.4

Labor Force Estimates

County/Area	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployment			Rate of Unemployment		
	Apr 1994	Mar 1994	Apr 1993	Apr 1994	Mar 1994	Apr 1993	Apr 1994	Mar 1994	Apr 1993	Apr 1994	Mar 1994	Apr 1993
United States ('000s)												
(Seasonally adjusted)	130,747	130,580	127,539	122,338	122,037	118,585	8,408	8,543	8,954	6.4	6.5	7.0
(Unadjusted)	129,682	129,718	126,491	121,604	120,844	117,856	8,078	8,874	8,635	6.2	6.8	6.8
Minnesota												
(Seasonally adjusted)	2,561,482	2,545,241	2,462,372	2,454,902	2,436,640	2,334,888	106,580	108,901	127,484	4.2	4.3	5.2
(Unadjusted)	2,553,881	2,522,875	2,454,711	2,445,779	2,403,493	2,325,656	108,102	119,382	129,055	4.2	4.7	5.3
Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA)*												
Mpls.-St. Paul MSA	1,574,803	1,553,731	1,503,456	1,522,753	1,496,494	1,438,522	52,050	57,237	64,934	3.3	3.7	4.3
Duluth-Superior MSA	118,777	118,236	116,302	110,122	109,255	106,899	8,655	8,981	9,403	7.3	7.6	8.1
St. Cloud MSA	90,118	89,562	85,656	86,270	85,066	81,180	3,848	4,496	4,476	4.3	5.0	5.2
Rochester MSA	66,441	66,081	63,031	64,057	63,520	60,837	2,384	2,561	2,194	3.6	3.9	3.5
Region 1	50,187	49,405	48,226	46,796	45,991	44,622	3,391	3,414	3,604	6.8	6.9	7.5
Kittson	2,558	2,522	2,515	2,375	2,339	2,359	183	183	156	7.2	7.3	6.2
Marshall	4,812	4,833	4,819	4,238	4,199	4,180	574	634	639	11.9	13.1	13.3
Norman	3,632	3,522	3,589	3,386	3,243	3,307	246	279	282	6.8	7.9	7.9
Pennington	7,291	7,114	7,011	6,799	6,582	6,418	492	532	593	6.7	7.5	8.5
Polk	21,811	21,362	20,232	20,541	20,318	19,076	1,270	1,044	1,156	5.8	4.9	5.7
Red Lake	2,167	2,118	2,086	1,823	1,740	1,783	344	378	303	15.9	17.8	14.5
Roseau	7,916	7,934	7,974	7,634	7,570	7,499	282	364	475	3.6	4.6	6.0
Region 2	33,904	33,317	32,663	30,841	29,886	29,459	3,063	3,431	3,204	9.0	10.3	9.8
Beltrami	17,214	16,704	16,523	15,898	15,361	15,182	1,316	1,343	1,341	7.6	8.0	8.1
Clearwater	3,818	3,923	3,897	3,100	2,976	3,084	718	947	813	18.8	24.1	20.9
Hubbard	7,300	7,192	6,989	6,633	6,409	6,334	667	783	655	9.1	10.9	9.4
Lake of the Woods	2,191	2,146	2,138	2,059	2,041	2,022	132	105	116	6.0	4.9	5.4
Mahnomen	3,381	3,352	3,116	3,151	3,099	2,837	230	253	279	6.8	7.5	9.0
Region 3	152,723	150,657	149,562	140,105	137,948	135,734	12,618	12,709	13,828	8.3	8.4	9.2
Aitkin	5,636	5,579	5,433	4,961	4,851	4,673	675	728	760	12.0	13.0	14.0
Carlton	16,060	15,293	15,187	14,811	13,991	13,918	1,249	1,302	1,269	7.8	8.5	8.4
Cook	2,638	2,537	2,504	2,442	2,347	2,326	196	190	178	7.4	7.5	7.1
Itasca	18,974	18,755	18,833	16,552	16,280	16,540	2,422	2,475	2,293	12.8	13.2	12.2
Koochiching	6,330	6,212	6,512	5,566	5,634	5,585	764	578	927	12.1	9.3	14.2
Lake	5,372	5,419	5,234	4,953	4,967	4,698	419	452	536	7.8	8.3	10.2
St. Louis	97,713	96,862	95,859	90,820	89,878	87,994	6,893	6,984	7,865	7.1	7.2	8.2
City of Duluth	42,858	42,509	41,826	40,397	39,978	39,140	2,461	2,531	2,686	5.7	6.0	6.4
Bal of St. Louis Cnty	54,855	54,353	54,033	50,423	49,900	48,854	4,432	4,453	5,179	8.1	8.2	9.6
Region 4	100,835	100,024	99,035	95,521	93,167	91,785	5,314	6,857	7,250	5.3	6.9	7.3
Becker	12,593	12,317	12,507	11,543	11,104	10,919	1,050	1,213	1,588	8.3	9.8	12.7
Clay	29,006	28,816	27,832	27,811	27,349	26,535	1,195	1,467	1,297	4.1	5.1	4.7
Douglas	15,144	15,156	14,782	14,481	14,254	13,771	663	902	1,011	4.4	6.0	6.8
Grant	3,045	3,053	2,937	2,885	2,824	2,726	160	229	211	5.3	7.5	7.2
Otter Tail	25,033	24,684	25,246	23,533	22,668	22,891	1,500	2,016	2,355	6.0	8.2	9.3
Pope	5,000	4,998	5,123	4,712	4,666	4,796	288	332	327	5.8	6.6	6.4
Stevens	5,381	5,318	5,208	5,175	5,012	5,002	206	306	206	3.8	5.8	4.0
Traverse	1,789	1,750	1,792	1,692	1,629	1,701	97	121	91	5.4	6.9	5.1
Wilkin	3,844	3,932	3,608	3,689	3,661	3,444	155	271	164	4.0	6.9	4.5
Region 5	66,975	65,869	63,666	61,980	59,878	57,983	4,995	5,991	5,683	7.5	9.1	8.9
Cass	10,655	10,305	9,972	9,749	9,230	8,969	906	1,075	1,003	8.5	10.4	10.1
Crow Wing	24,873	23,857	23,164	23,109	21,878	21,260	1,764	1,979	1,904	7.1	8.3	8.2
Morrison	14,818	14,876	14,465	13,644	13,343	12,994	1,174	1,533	1,471	7.9	10.3	10.2
Todd	10,533	10,622	10,284	9,767	9,664	9,366	766	958	918	7.3	9.0	8.9
Wadena	6,096	6,209	5,781	5,711	5,763	5,394	385	446	387	6.3	7.2	6.7
Region 6E	57,348	57,102	56,362	54,468	53,769	52,831	2,880	3,333	3,531	5.0	5.8	6.3
Kandiyohi	19,844	19,756	19,221	18,938	18,727	18,260	906	1,029	961	4.6	5.2	5.0
McLeod	19,487	19,271	18,791	18,714	18,424	17,748	773	847	1,043	4.0	4.4	5.6
Meeker	9,409	9,533	9,348	8,722	8,703	8,481	687	830	867	7.3	8.7	9.3
Renville	8,608	8,542	9,002	8,094	7,915	8,342	514	627	660	6.0	7.3	7.3
Region 6W	25,153	24,989	23,958	23,915	23,373	22,557	1,238	1,616	1,401	4.9	6.5	5.8
Big Stone	2,735	2,785	2,794	2,574	2,581	2,571	161	204	223	5.9	7.3	8.0
Chippewa	6,839	6,706	6,349	6,486	6,243	5,979	353	463	370	5.2	6.9	5.8
Lac Qui Parle	3,933	3,977	3,913	3,784	3,762	3,709	149	215	204	3.8	5.4	5.2
Swift	5,359	5,211	5,033	5,119	4,903	4,753	240	308	280	4.5	5.9	5.6
Yellow Medicine	6,287	6,310	5,869	5,952	5,884	5,545	335	426	324	5.3	6.8	5.5

*Note: State, regional and local estimates from past months (shown in tables on pages 6 and 7) may be revised from figures previously published.

Labor Force Estimates

County/Area	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployment			Rate of Unemployment		
	Apr 1994	Mar 1994	Apr 1993	Apr 1994	Mar 1994	Apr 1993	Apr 1994	Mar 1994	Apr 1993	Apr 1994	Mar 1994	Apr 1993
Region 7E	60,627	60,479	58,778	56,302	55,201	53,462	4,325	5,278	5,316	7.1	8.7	9.0
Chisago	17,131	17,182	16,443	16,041	15,757	15,148	1,090	1,425	1,295	6.4	8.3	7.9
Isanti	14,126	14,046	13,664	13,318	13,082	12,577	808	964	1,087	5.7	6.9	8.0
Kanabec	6,900	6,829	6,944	6,226	6,031	6,085	674	798	859	9.8	11.7	12.4
Mille Lacs	9,928	10,000	9,967	9,221	9,149	9,086	707	851	881	7.1	8.5	8.8
Pine	12,542	12,422	11,760	11,496	11,182	10,566	1,046	1,240	1,194	8.3	10.0	10.2
Region 7W	156,499	155,531	149,344	149,206	146,889	140,615	7,293	8,642	8,729	4.7	5.6	5.8
Benton	18,642	18,608	17,795	17,771	17,523	16,722	871	1,085	1,073	4.7	5.8	6.0
Sherburne	25,377	25,234	24,428	24,139	23,712	22,796	1,238	1,522	1,632	4.9	6.0	6.7
Stearns	71,476	70,954	67,861	68,499	67,543	64,458	2,977	3,411	3,403	4.2	4.8	5.0
Wright	41,004	40,735	39,260	38,797	38,111	36,639	2,207	2,624	2,621	5.4	6.4	6.7
Region 8	63,486	63,437	62,155	61,115	60,318	59,200	2,371	3,119	2,955	3.7	4.9	4.8
Cottonwood	6,237	6,304	5,959	5,988	6,006	5,687	249	298	272	4.0	4.7	4.6
Jackson	5,919	5,828	5,541	5,660	5,542	5,273	259	286	268	4.4	4.9	4.8
Lincoln	3,149	3,148	3,141	2,989	2,929	2,941	160	219	200	5.1	7.0	6.4
Lyon	15,408	15,173	14,905	14,917	14,503	14,298	491	670	607	3.2	4.4	4.1
Murray	4,341	4,371	4,424	4,110	3,997	4,147	231	374	277	5.3	8.6	6.3
Nobles	10,119	10,068	10,041	9,801	9,626	9,609	318	442	432	3.1	4.4	4.3
Pipestone	4,823	4,815	4,875	4,621	4,580	4,567	202	235	308	4.2	4.9	6.3
Redwood	8,691	8,866	8,618	8,381	8,473	8,160	310	393	458	3.6	4.4	5.3
Rock	4,799	4,864	4,651	4,648	4,662	4,518	151	202	133	3.1	4.2	2.9
Region 9	116,074	114,986	115,213	111,147	109,275	108,800	4,927	5,711	6,413	4.2	5.0	5.6
Blue Earth	31,958	31,299	31,093	31,097	30,309	29,957	861	990	1,136	2.7	3.2	3.7
Brown	14,531	14,481	14,100	13,894	13,726	13,329	637	755	771	4.4	5.2	5.5
Faribault	7,667	7,660	8,006	7,228	7,147	7,373	439	513	633	5.7	6.7	7.9
Le Sueur	13,276	13,071	12,952	12,457	12,142	12,001	819	929	951	6.2	7.1	7.3
Martin	10,734	10,921	11,343	10,172	10,247	10,374	562	674	969	5.2	6.2	8.5
Nicollet	17,192	16,846	16,724	16,747	16,322	16,133	445	524	591	2.6	3.1	3.5
Sibley	6,367	6,383	6,535	5,922	5,823	5,985	445	560	550	7.0	8.8	8.4
Waseca	8,487	8,464	8,690	8,103	8,020	8,181	384	444	509	4.5	5.2	5.9
Watonwan	5,862	5,861	5,770	5,527	5,539	5,467	335	322	303	5.7	5.5	5.3
Region 10	241,836	240,540	233,360	231,004	228,875	222,190	10,832	11,665	11,170	4.5	4.8	4.8
Dodge	8,632	8,305	8,470	8,057	7,671	7,902	575	634	568	6.7	7.6	6.7
Fillmore	10,112	10,094	10,089	9,504	9,378	9,437	608	716	652	6.0	7.1	6.5
Freeborn	17,099	17,474	17,266	15,683	16,311	16,216	1,416	1,163	1,050	8.3	6.7	6.1
Goodhue	24,223	24,501	23,250	23,254	23,448	22,155	969	1,053	1,095	4.0	4.3	4.7
Houston	10,679	10,577	10,328	10,131	10,017	9,782	548	560	546	5.1	5.3	5.3
Mower	18,840	18,567	18,248	18,087	17,753	17,502	753	814	746	4.0	4.4	4.1
Olmsted	66,441	66,081	63,031	64,057	63,520	60,837	2,384	2,561	2,194	3.6	3.9	3.5
City of Rochester	44,518	44,294	42,212	42,879	42,520	40,724	1,639	1,774	1,488	3.7	4.0	3.5
Rice	27,835	27,595	27,543	26,495	26,095	25,868	1,340	1,500	1,675	4.8	5.4	6.1
Steele	18,201	18,025	16,984	17,486	17,288	16,196	715	737	788	3.9	4.1	4.6
Wabasha	10,965	10,764	10,705	10,451	10,198	10,148	514	566	557	4.7	5.3	5.2
Winona	28,809	28,557	27,446	27,799	27,196	26,147	1,010	1,361	1,299	3.5	4.8	4.7
Region 11	1,428,236	1,406,537	1,362,388	1,383,382	1,358,921	1,306,417	44,854	47,616	55,971	3.1	3.4	4.1
Anoka	158,758	156,605	151,888	152,771	150,070	144,272	5,987	6,535	7,616	3.8	4.2	5.0
Carver	31,485	31,178	29,998	30,557	30,017	28,857	928	1,161	1,141	2.9	3.7	3.8
Dakota	183,919	181,104	175,177	178,503	175,347	168,572	5,416	5,757	6,605	2.9	3.2	3.8
Hennepin	642,430	631,786	612,610	622,982	611,966	588,323	19,448	19,820	24,287	3.0	3.1	4.0
City of Bloomington	56,682	55,671	53,967	55,257	54,280	52,182	1,425	1,391	1,785	2.5	2.5	3.3
City of Minneapolis	212,375	208,696	202,369	204,871	201,248	193,473	7,504	7,448	8,896	3.5	3.6	4.4
Ramsey	281,667	277,225	268,437	272,857	268,032	257,676	8,810	9,193	10,761	3.1	3.3	4.0
City of St. Paul	147,524	145,301	140,813	142,073	139,561	134,169	5,451	5,740	6,644	3.7	4.0	4.7
Scott	37,074	36,653	35,600	35,773	35,140	33,782	1,301	1,513	1,818	3.5	4.1	5.1
Washington	92,903	91,986	88,678	89,939	88,349	84,935	2,964	3,637	3,743	3.2	4.0	4.2

*Note: Minneapolis-St. Paul Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) now includes Sherburne County and Pierce County in Wisconsin.
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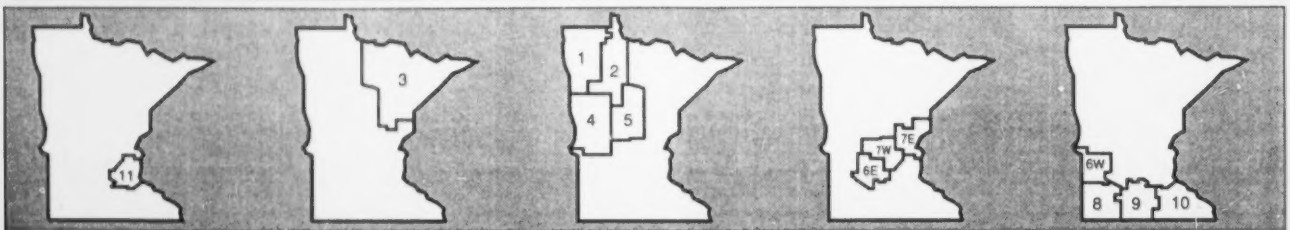

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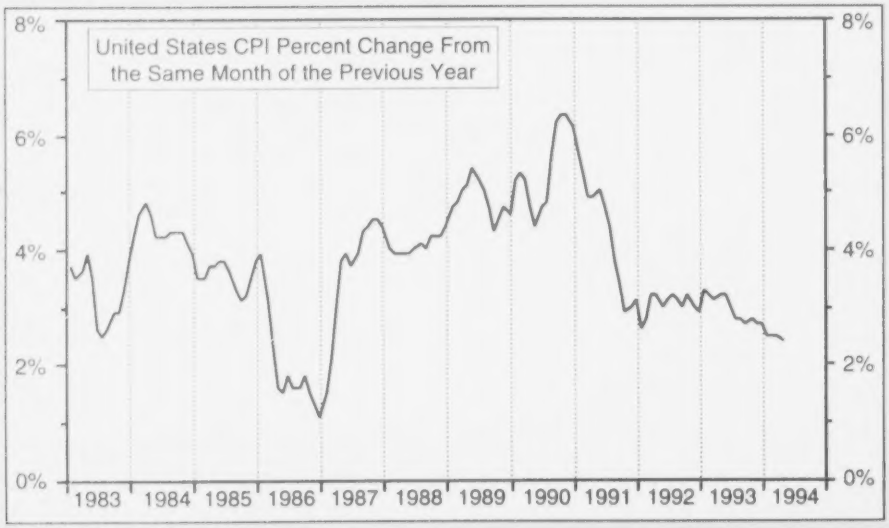

U.S. CPI % Change From One Year Ago	
1993	
Apr	3.2
May	3.2
Jun	3.0
Jul	2.8
Aug	2.8
Sep	2.7
Oct	2.8
Nov	2.7
Dec	2.7
Annual Average	3.0
1994	
Jan	2.5
Feb	2.5
Mar	2.5
Apr	2.4

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